

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus for displaying icons on a user-configurable keyboard. Specifically, icons corresponding to software applications or uniform resource locators (URLs) are selected from a computer system monitor. The icons are transmitted to the key board and displayed in a display window, such as a liquid crystal display (LCD). Each icon displayed in the LCD on the keyboard has a corresponding launch key. When a launch key is depressed, the application or URL corresponding to that launch key will be opened.